

**PATENT APPLICATION**

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I believe I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "Mechanical Seal Having a Double-Tier Mating Ring," the specification of which is attached hereto (Attorney File No. Khonsari 0311).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

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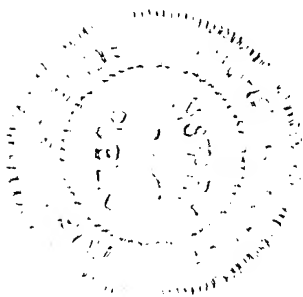
  
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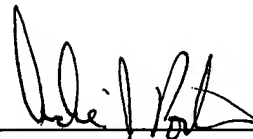
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